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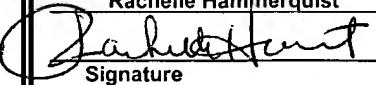
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The patents were cited in the European Patent Office search report in the corresponding European application.

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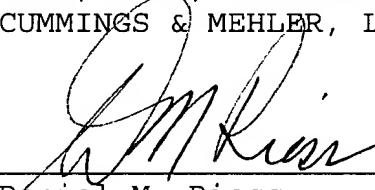
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